OXYCONTIN

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WHAT IS OXYCONTIN?

- ***Oxycontin is an opium derivative that is available by prescription.***
- ***Oxycontin is an extremely potent pain killer that comes in time release tablets that last for up to twelve hours.***
- ***Oxycontin is the time release version of Percodan or oxycodone.***
- ***Oxycontin is prescribed to cancer patients and chronic pain suffers to help in managing pain.***

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- *Oxycontin tablets can be prescribed in 10mg, 20mg, and 40mg doses.*

- *Oxycontin is also available in 80mg and 160mg doses for opioid tolerant patients.*

- *Oxycontin should only be consumed whole, chewed or crushed tablets can diffuse the time release mechanism and lead to a possible toxic dose of the drug*

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- *Oxycontin was approved by the FDA in 1995 as a time released form of Oxycodone.*
- *In July, 2001 the FDA investigated reports regarding the serious side effects of Oxycontin and strengthened warnings and precautions by issuing a "black box" warning to help deter inappropriate prescriptions.*
- *Oxycontin has been linked to over 120*

STREET NAMES

- OCs
- Killers
- Oxycotto
- XYs
- Oxies
- Oceans
- Oxycoffins
- Os

MINOR SIDE EFFECTS

There are several side effects associated with Oxycontin consumption that do not require medical attention:

- **Constipation**
- **Dizziness**
- **Confusion**
- **Drowsiness**
- **Nausea/Vomiting**
- **Heartburn**
- **Pinpoint Pupils**
- **Dry Mouth**

SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS

Some Oxycontin side effects are serious and should be reported to your health care provider as soon as possible:

- **Chest Pains**
- **Breathing Difficulties**
- **Muscle Weakness/Aches**
- **Fever**
- **Severe Rashs**
- **Seizures**
- **Cold/Clammy Skin**
- **Overdose/Death**

OXYCONTIN TESTING IN THE ARMY

- Oxycontin is not regularly tested for within the US Army.
- Contact your local ASAP for assistance and guidance regarding the testing for Oxycontin as special procedures MUST be followed.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- http://www.oxycontin-addiction-help.com
- http://www.oxycontinaddiction.com/
- http://www.aboutoxycontin.com
- http://www.health.org
- http://www.opioids.com/oxycodone/
- http://health.yahoo.com/health/pdr_drugs/0923/0.html

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